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SUBJ: DISCUSSIONS ON TRADE MATTERS DURING VISIT OF AMBASSADOR
EBERLE

1. SUMMARY: USEFUL DISCUSSIONS WITH CABINET LEVEL AND OTHER MEXICAN OFFICIALS HELD DURING VISIT AMBASSADOR EBERLE IN RELAXED AND INFORMAL ATMOSPHERE. CLARIFICATIONS SUPPLIED TO MEXICANS REGARDING PROVISIONS AND INTENT OF TRADE REFORM ACT AS WELL AS US VIEWS RE GATT PREPCOM MEETING. FULL MEXICAN PARTICIPATION IN MTN URGED AND MEXICANS REPORTED GOM DELEGATION TO TOKYO MINISTERIAL WILL BE HEADED BY TREASURY SECRETARY LOPEZ PORTILLO. IN RESPONSE URGING BY AMBASSADOR EBERLE THAT MEXICANS TABLE LIST OF PROBLEM AREAS AND PRODUCTS WITH PRIORITIES, GOM REPRESENTATIVES AGREED SUPPLY SUCH A LIST IN NEAR FUTURE FOR DISCUSSION AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING. US REPRESENTATIVES BELIEVE DISCUSSIONS USEFUL IN DEVELOPING PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR EBERLE AND KEY MEXICAN CABINET OFFICIALS AS WELL AS RE PROGRESS IN CONVINCING GOM OF ADVANTAGES MEXICAN FULL PARTICIPATION IN MTN. END SUMMARY.

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2. MORNING SESSION OF TECHNICAL GROUP UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP UNDER

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE MENDOZA BERRUETO.

A. FOLLOWING WERE MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS: HECTOR HERNANDEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, TREASURY; AMBASSADOR MARIO ESPINOSA DE LOS REYES, DIRECTOR IN CHIEF, INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, SECRETARIAT OF FOREIGN RELATIONS; ROBERTO DAVILA, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, SECRETARIAT OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE; FRANCISCO RAMOS CANTORAL, DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, SECRETARIAT OF AGRICULTURE; ABEL GARRIDO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, TREASURY. MENDOZA BERRUETO OUTLINED MEXICAN EFFORTS MAXIMIZE EXPORTS AND RATIONALIZE IMPORTS IN ACCORDANCE ECHEVERRIA POLICIES AS WELL AS PROPOSAL AT UNCTAD III FOR CHARTER TO MAKE DEVELOPMENT OF WORLD TRADE MORE EQUITABLE.

B. EBERLE EXPRESSED HOPE GROUP COULD MOVE QUICKLY TO SUBJECTS MEXICANS DESIRE TAKE UP WITH U.S. URGED PRAGMATIC APPROACH DIRECTED AT IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS AND ATTEMPTING LOCATE SOLUTIONS. REFERENCE MADE TO MEXICAN NON-TARIFF BARRIER LIST SUBMITTED GATT AND FURTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED ON SOME ITEMS WHERE MEXICAN STATEMENT UNCLEAR (MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVES AGREED SUPPLY INFORMATION ON THIS, HOPEFULLY WITHIN NEXT WEEK). EBERLE POINTED OUT THAT MANY OF ITEMS ON THIS LIST FELL IN CATEGORY WHERE MULTILATERAL ACTION REQUIRED. MEXICAN PARTICIPATION IN GATT DISCUSSIONS URGED AS MEANS ADVANCING SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS REQUIRING MULTILATERAL ACTION AND ALSO TO PERMIT MEXICAN EXERCISE LEADERSHIP AMONG DEVELOPING NATIONS IN CONSTRUCTIVE MANNER.

C. EBERLE SUGGESTED DISCUSSION OF SPECIFIC PROBLEMS RATHER THAN GENERAL PRINCIPLES IN ORDER DETERMINE MEXICAN PRIORITIES REGARDING THESE PROBLEMS AS WELL AS TO DIVIDE SUCH PROBLEMS INTO THOSE WHICH ARE BILATERAL AND THOSE WHICH ARE MULTILATERAL.

D. MENDOZA BERRUETO SAID MEXICO MUST GIVE MAJOR IMPORTANCE TO BILATERAL PROBLEMS WITH U.S., EVEN THOUGH SOME FALL WITHIN GATT FRAMEWORK, BECAUSE OF FACT 70 PERCENT OF MEXICAN TRADE IS WITH U.S. HERNANDEZ INDICATED MANY OF MEXICAN DOUBTS REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN GATT WERE DISPELLED DURING JANUARY CONVERSATIONS IN WASHINGTON WITH STR REPRESENTATIVES. MENDOZA BERRUETO SAID HOWEVER THAT MEXICAN DOUBTS REGARDING SOME PROBLEMS WHICH MEXICO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSIDERED BILATERAL WERE INCREASED WHEN TRADE REFORM ACT PROVISIONS REGARDING ANTIDUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES WERE REVIEWED. HE SAID THAT IF TRA APPROVED GOM UNDERSTOOD U.S. WOULD HAVE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH JAPAN AND EUROPE REGARDING INTERNATIONAL CODE OF BEHAVIOR. THUS ISSUE WAS MULTILATERAL BUT AT PRESENT OR IN CONNECTION WITH TRADE REFORM ACT MEXICO REGARDS ISSUE AS BILATERAL ONE. IN THIS CONNECTION ALSO REFERRED TO HEALTH MEASURES WHICH HE CHARACTERIZED AS INVISIBLE BARRIER,

AND PROVISIONS 806 AND 807. MENDOZA BERRUETO STATED THAT MEXICANS WERE GREATLY INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN TRADE NEGOTIATIONS IF AND WHEN THE BENEFITS OBTAINABLE WERE BETTER THAN THOSE OBTAINABLE IN BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE U.S.

E. EBERLE AGAIN URGED MEXICANS TO TABLE LIST OF PROBLEMS AND PRIORITIES IN ORDER THAT U.S. MIGHT SEPARATE BILATERAL FROM MULTILATERAL AND BE FRANK AS TO WHETHER THESE WERE SOLVABLE. IN RESPONSE QUESTION FROM HERNANDEZ RE BILATERAL OR MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS IF GOM WAS NOT SIGNATORY OF PROTOCOL REGARDING ANTI-DUMPING AND COUNTERVAILING DUTIES, EBERLE SAID THAT PROTOCOL WOULD BE NEGOTIATED IN MULTILATERAL CONTEXT AND THAT PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES WOULD HAVE DIRECT INPUT WHILE VIEWS OF NON-PARTICIPANTS COULD ONLY BE HEARD ON BILATERAL BASIS AND TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN DISCUSSIONS. HE SUGGESTED THAT THOSE NOT PRESENT MIGHT NOT BE FULLY HEARD DURING CRUNCH POINT OF LAST FEW DAYS. SUGGESTED THAT MEXICO AS ONE OF MORE DEVELOPED OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COULD PARTICIPATE IN WAY HELPFUL TO MEXICO AND TO OBJECTIVE OF MORE OPEN WORLD TRADING SYSTEM.

F. RAMON CANTORAL EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT MEXICO COULD ENJOY INCREASED MARKETS FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AS RESULT PARTICIPATION IN MTN CLAIMING THAT MEXICO NOT COMPETITIVE INTERNATIONALLY ON THOSE ITEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE U.S. EBERLE RESPONDED THAT MEXICO HAS A GREAT DEAL TO GAIN FROM SUCH PARTICIPATION IN VIEW (1) COMPETITIVENESS IN FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND MEAT PRODUCTS, ITEMS FOR WHICH JAPAN AND EC MAINTAIN MANY BARRIERS, AND (2) IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES IN FARM PRODUCT AREA. SUGGESTED MEXICANS MIGHT WANT TO GIVE ATTENTION TO POSSIBILITY MEASURES DESIGNED ATTRACT INVESTMENT ACCOMPANIED BY LONG TERM CONTRACTS IN THIS SECTOR IN VIEW EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR BROADER MARKETS IN FUTURE.

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G. MENDOZA BERRUETO SUGGESTED GROUP COULD GO INTO MORE DETAIL ON PROBLEM ISSUES IN AFTERNOON DISCUSSION STATING THAT NEXT CECLA MEETING (TO BE HELD AUGUST 21-22) WOULD DISCUSS LATIN AMERICAN POSITION REGARDING FUTURE NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT CURRENT DISCUSSIONS THEREFORE VERY OPPORTUNE BOTH IN CONNECTION WITH CECLA DISCUSSIONS AND TOKYO MINISTERIAL.

3. AFTERNOON SESSION OF TECHNICAL GROUP

A. DRAFT DECLARATION FOR TOKYO MINISTERIAL DISCUSSED AND CLARIFICATIONS SUPPLIED BY EBERLE AT MEXICAN REQUEST CONCERNING CERTAIN PARAGRAPHS THEREIN. ABEL GARRIDO SAID THAT MEXICO CONSIDERED DECLARATION AS ACCEPTABLE POINT OF DEPARTURE ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT ALL GOM HAD HOPED FOR. REGARDING QUEERY CONCERNING POSS-

IBILITY OF HOLDING FULL NEGOTIATIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS IN
LIGHT EC INSISTENCE ON PARAGRAPH 3(E) EBERLE EXPRESSED OPTIMISM.
HE STATED THAT THERE WAS EVIDENCE OF OPPOSITION AMONG SOME EC
COUNTRIES TO PRESENT "MANAGEMENT OF MECHANISMS" BECAUSE OF FACT
EC AGRICULTURAL POLICIES FOSTERING INFLATION.

B. MEETING THEN MOVED TO DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS PROVISIONS
OF TRADE REFORM ACT ON WHICH EBERLE SUPPLIED CLARIFICATION.
MENDOZA BERRUETO EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF ACT
BUT UNCERTAINTY CONCERNING WAYS IN WHICH IT MIGHT BE APPLIED BY
USG. EBERLE POINTED OUT TRA GIVES USG SAME POWERS AS GOM

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ALREADY HAS AND SAID INTENT WAS TO EXPAND TRADE. MENDOZA BERRUETO
EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION SUPPLIED WHICH HE CHARACT-
ERIZED AS "ENLIGHTENING AND REASONABLE" AND ASKED WHETHER US WISH
POSE ANY QUESTIONS TO MEXICAN REPRESENTATIVES.

C. EBERLE REFERRED TO PREVIOUS REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON "THREE
P'S" - PROBLEMS, PRODUCTS AND PRIORITIES - AND ASKED HOW THE
MEXICANS WANTED TO HANDLE THE SUPPLYING OF THIS INFORMATION.
HE ALSO REQUESTED INFORMATION ON (1) WHAT AUTHORITY WAS NEEDED

FOR MEXICO TO ENTER INTO TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND (2) WHETHER MEXICO HAD GIVEN CONSIDERATION TO THE CONCESSIONS IT MIGHT BE PREPARED TO MAKE IN THE MTN.

D. MENDOZA BERRUETO EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IN THE NEAR FUTURE THE GOM WOULD BE ABLE TO DRAW UP A LIST OF CONCRETE AREAS FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE U.S. IN A SUBSEQUENT MEETING. HE SAID THE GOM WOULD LEAVE THE INITIATIVE TO THE U.S. AS TO WHEN AND WHERE SUCH MEETING MIGHT BE HELD. MENDOZA BERRUETO SAID THAT THE MEXICAN PRESIDENT HAD BROAD NEGOTIATING POWERS WITH REGARD TO IMPORT LICENSES AND MECHANISMS (HERNANDEY AGREED THAT THE MEXICAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESIDENT ALREADY HAS THE EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY BEING REQUESTED FOR THE U.S. PRESIDENT IN THE TRADE REFORM ACT AND SAID THAT THE LIMITS ARE ONLY THOSE ESTABLISHED BY MEXICAN TRADE POLICY INCLUDING A COMMITMENT TO A CERTAIN LEVEL OF TARIFF PROTECTION FOR MEXICAN INDUSTRY. ESPINOSA SAID THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS THE AUTHORITY TO NEGOTIATE ON TARIFFS AND IMPORT PERMITS AND CAN GIVE PLENIPOTENTIARY POWERS TO THE HEAD OF THE MEXICAN DELEGATION SUBJECT TO LATER SUBMISSION TO THE MEXICAN CONGRESS FOR RATIFICATION). WITH REGARD TO EBERLE'S INQUIRY AS TO MEXICAN CONCESSIONS MENDOZA BERRUETO REFERRED TO MEXICO'S STATUS AS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY. HE SAID THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE WAS STUDYING THIS QUESTION BUT HAD NOT REACHED A SUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED STAGE TO TAKE A POSITION.

E. SZABO ASKED WHETHER, WITH REFERENCE TO THE CECLE DISCUSSIONS, THE GOM CONSIDERED IT REALISTIC TO NEGOTIATE AS A BLOC IN THE GATT. MENDOZA BERRUETO RESPONDED THAT THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AS IN THE PAST WERE TRYING TO ACHIEVE A COORDINATED POSITION AND TO IDENTIFY SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES, RATHER THAN ATTEMPTING TO NEGOTIATE AS A BLOC. ABEL GARRIDO SAID THAT THE MEETING WOULD BE STUDYING THE RESOLUTION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AND THAT THE GOM CONSIDERED THESE DISCUSSIONS FRUITFUL AND USEFUL. MENDOZA BERRUETO ALSO ENDORSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CECLA TO MEXICO. EBERLE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE MEXICAN DELEGATION WOULD PROVIDE "GOOD STRONG LEADERSHIP" IN CECLA ALONG THE LINES DISCUSSED DURING THE CURRENT MEETING.

F. EBERLE SUGGESTED THAT THE US DELEGATION MIGHT TRY TO PREPARE A CHECKLIST OF ITEMS DISCUSSED AND MAKE THIS AVAILABLE TO THE MEXICAN DELEGATION FOR COMMENT. HE SAID THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT AT THIS TIME TO SUGGEST A DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND SUGGESTED LATER COMMUNICATION ON THIS POINT.

G. MENDOZA BERRUETO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE USEFUL INFORMATION EXCHANGED AND STIMULATING DISCUSSION. HE INDICATED INCREASED MEXICAN INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING FULLY IN THE MTNS IN COOPERATION WITH LATIN AMERICA AND THE U.S. AND REQUESTED

AMBASSADOR EBERLE TO CONVEY WARMEST GREETINGS FROM THE GOM TO
PRESIDENT NIXON.

4. CALL ON FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA
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A. MEXICAN CONCERN WITH REGARD TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TRA WAS
REVIEWED BY THE FOREIGN SECRETARY. RABASA REFERRED TO DISCUSSIONS
WITH SECRETARY ROGERS ON THIS SUBJECT DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO
MEXICO AS WELL AS SUBSEQUENT GOM NOTE AND SAID WOULD BE SUPPLYING
EBERLE WITH ADDITIONAL INFORMAL COMMENTS THIS CONNECTION. HE
SAID THAT MEXICAN CONCERN WAS CALMED WHEN SECRETARY ROGERS STATED
THAT HIGH LEVEL OFFICIAL WOULD VISIT MEXICO TO DISCUSS THIS
SUBJECT. RABASA EXPRESSED HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT PRESIDENT
NIXON WOULD APPLY LAW IN "EQUITABLE, SENSIBLE AND LOGICAL MANNER"
IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATEMENTS MADE TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND IN
PRESENTATION OF THE BILL TO CONGRESS.

B. EBERLE REFERRED TO RECENT VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA AND INQUIRED
REGARDING MEXICAN POSITION CONCERNING PARTICIPATION IN NON-ALIGNED
CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS (SEE MEXICO 5815).

C. EBERLE URGED HIGHEST LEVEL REPRESENTATION BY GOM AT TOKYO
MINISTERIAL, POINTING OUT IMPORTANCE OF GETTING MEETING OFF TO
GOOD START. HOPE EXPRESSED THAT MEXICAN LEADERSHIP WOULD ASSIST
IN THIS CONNECTION AND IN AVOIDING PETTY SQUABBLES. RABASA
EXPRESSED AGREEMENT AND STATED THAT FINANCE MINISTER LOPEZ
PORTILLO WOULD HEAD MEXICAN DELEGATION. RABASA SAID MEXICO WOULD
NOT WISH TO SEE THE ECHEVERRIA CHARTER DISCUSSED IN THE TOKYO
MEETING ALTHOUGH THEY WOULD NOT OBJECT TO SOME MENTION (PRESUMABLY
FAVORABLE) OF THE CHARTER IN INDIVIDUAL SPEECHES. HE REVIEWED
PREVIOUS STATEMENTS REGARDING GOM POSITION CONCERNING NEED FOR
BALANCE IN CHARTER AND FOR SUPPORT BY US, UK, FRANCE, ETC.

5. CALL ON SECRETARY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE TORRES MANZO.
EBERLE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT TECHNICAL GROUP HAD MADE GOOD BEGINNING
IN DISCUSSIONS AND HOPE THAT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES COULD BE DISCUSSED
DURING AFTERNOON SESSION. TORRES MANZO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN
IDENTIFYING BILATERAL ISSUES ON WHICH U.S. AND MEXICO COULD GET
CLOSER TOGETHER. TORRES MANZO REVIEWED GOM MEASURES TO CONTROL
INFLATION (SEE MEXICO A-226, A-380 AND TEL 5549). EXPRESSED HOPE
THAT INCREASED COMPETITIVENESS AND LOWER PRICES COULD BE ACHIEVED

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BY REDUCING PROTECTION FOR MEXICAN INDUSTRY OVER NEXT FEW YEARS. HE ALSO OUTLINED PLANS FOR ATTRACTING INVESTMENT TO RURAL AREAS BUT MENTIONED DIFFICULTY IN LOCATING ENTREPRENEURS.

6. CALL ON TREASURY SECRETARY LOPEZ PORTILLO

A. LOPEZ PORTILLO ASKED FOR INFORMATION REGARDING PARTICIPATION IN TOKYO MINISTERIAL BY MINISTERS FROM OTHER COUNTRIES AND EBERLE SAID TREASURY SECRETARY SHULTZ AND MANY OTHERS AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL INCLUDING FRENCH AND BRITISH WOULD BE PARTICIPATING. LOPEZ PORTILLO ALSO ASKED WHETHER GOM PARTICIPATION WOULD BE "ON EQUAL BASIS" AND EBERLE AFFIRMED THAT THIS WAS THE CASE. LOPEZ PORTILLO SAID THAT HE WOULD THEN DEFINITELY GO TO TOKYO BASED ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY EBERLE.

B. IN REPLYING TO QUESTION BY LOPEZ PORTILLO, EBERLE REVIEWED ADVANTAGES TO MEXICO OF PARTICIPATION IN NEGOTIATIONS.

C. HERNANDEZ ASKED WHAT U.S. EXPECTED OF MEXICO DURING MTN AND EBERLE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT (1) MEXICAN DELEGATION WOULD

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RATHER THAN POLEMICS; (2) THERE WOULD BE SOME ADHERENCE TO THE CODES AND REFORM OF MEXICAN SYSTEM IN ACCORDANCE WITH DEVELOPMENT NEEDS; (3) TARIFFS WOULD BE REDUCED IN AREAS WHERE MEXICAN PRODUCTS ALREADY COMPETITIVE; (4) IMPORT LICENSE REQUIREMENTS WOULD BE REDUCED; (5) A SIMPLIFIED CUSTOMS FORM MIGHT BE AGREED UPON; (6) STANDARDIZATION OF PACKAGING; (7) COMMON SUPPORT WHERE COMMON INTEREST, E.G. AGRICULTURAL. LOPEZ PORTILLO RESPONDED THAT NONE OF THESE ACTIONS WAS IMPOSSIBLE.

D. HERNANDEZ INQUIRED CONCERNING THE POSSIBLE EFFECT ON MFN STATUS OF NON PARTICIPATION BY MEXICO IN THE GATT DISCUSSIONS. EBERLE RESPONDED THAT WE FEARED EROSION OF THIS PRINCIPLE IN GENERAL BECAUSE OF THE VOLUME OF TRADE OUTSIDE THEREOF AND HOPED FOR SUPPORT FROM OTHER COUNTRIES FOR THIS PRINCIPLE. HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THE MFN DOES NOT APPLY TO THE VARIOUS CODES AND PROTOCOLS TO BE DISCUSSED, SUGGESTING THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ECHEVERRIA CHARTER WOULD BE ADVANCED BY CONCRETE ACTIONS DURING THE MTNS.

7. PRESS CONFERENCE. AMBASSADOR EBERLE MET WITH ABOUT 20 MEXICAN AND FOREIGN JOURNALISTS MORNING OF AUGUST 8 IN A 45-MINUTE PRESS CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. US-MEXICAN ECONOMIC AND TRADE RELATIONS, THE GATT MEETINGS, AND THE PROPOSED TRADE REFORM ACT WERE AMONG THE TOPICS DISCUSSED DURING THE CONFERENCE. MOST OF THE JOURNALISTS WERE SPECIALISTS IN ECONOMIC AND TRADE REPORTING. THE ATMOSPHERE WAS FRIENDLY AND PROVIDED THE AMBASSADOR WITH A FORUM FOR EXPLAINING THE US POSITION ON VARIOUS TRADE AND ECONOMIC MATTERS THAT RELATE NOT ONLY TO MEXICO BUT TO THE HEMISPHERE AS WELL.

8. COMMENT. DISCUSSIONS SEEMED PARTICULARLY USEFUL FROM STAND-POINT DEVELOPING PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN AMBASSADOR EBERLE, FOREIGN SECRETARY AND TREASURY SECRETARY WHICH MAY FACILITATE DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS IN EVENT ROADBLOCKS OCCUR AT WORKING LEVEL IN THE FUTURE. IT APPEARED FROM STATEMENTS MADE DURING DISCUSSIONS THAT PROGRESS MADE IN CONVINCING GOM OF USEFULNESS OF FULL PARTICIPATION IN MTNS. DECISION OF TREASURY SECRETARY LOPEZ PORTILLO TO LEAD GOM DELEGATION AT TOKYO MINISTERIAL WAS GOOD NEWS--HE CONTINUES TO MAKE VERY FAVORABLE IMPRESSION ON U.S. OFFICIALS, BOTH FROM STANDPOINT ABILITY AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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